

Olentangy Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of January 5, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Olentangy Administrative Offices

In attendance for the Development Committee were:

- Antronica, Anthony
- Au, Ralph
- Frash, David
- Fuller, Robert
- Jacobs, Marty
- Jurawitz, Sharon
- Lewis, Tony
- Muharrem, Gurgun
- Oliver, Gene
- Reiner, Charles
- Schroeder, Mark
- Schuette, John
- Seils, Rich
- Thomas, Ron
- Vasbinder, Mike
- Weaver, Deb

Also in attendance were Linda Martin, Keith Pomeroy, Terri Shaw and Andy Kerr.

Ralph Au called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda and meeting minutes.

John Schuette moved and Gurgun Muharrem seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Mike Vasbinder moved and Robert Fuller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Ralph introduced the new committee members, Gene Oliver and Mark Schroeder. Gene is Executive Director, Systems Management for OCLC Online Computer Library Center in Dublin. He has two children attending Olentangy Schools. Mark is a VP Engineer for Hockaden & Associates. He lives in Orange Township.

Ralph asked for a motion to approve the new members. **Gurgun Muharrem moved and Dr. Reiner seconded the motion to approve new members Gene Oliver and Mark Schroeder. Motion carried.**

The committee lost four members from last year's roster and gained two new members. Ralph encouraged current members to reach out to other community members to seek those who might be interested in joining the committee.

Ralph asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Long Range Planning Committee as there will be several projects this committee will be focusing on this year, MS/HS Utilization and Project 2020 as well as enrollment projections. Gene Oliver volunteered to serve as a subcommittee member.

Everyone had a chance to review the Committee Responsibility statement in advance of the meeting. Ralph will present this to the Board of Education for approval during their January 19 meeting. Discussion arose regarding the working relationship between the board and the Development Committee. Ralph stated the committee works with board guidance. No changes were made to the Committee Responsibility statement.

Ralph informed the members that in an effort to conserve resources, all communication with committee members would now be sent electronically. Paper copies of the agenda and meeting minutes will no longer be mailed unless members opt-out of electronic communication. Extra copies will still be provided at the meetings.

Andy gave a construction update on Heritage Elementary School (ES#15) and Berkshire Middle School.

HES is progressing smoothly. This project is ahead of schedule by two to three weeks of the contractual completion date. Overall, the quality of this building is good. This building is different from other elementary buildings as the sanitary sewer will be connected to a lift station. At some point in the future, there will be sewer lines installed on the southern property line and at that time the building will be converted. The lift station will be online in the spring.

Compared to the Hyatts Middle School construction schedule, the current BMS schedule is running approximately two weeks behind. The actual construction schedule now puts the building three weeks behind the contractual completion date of June 10, 2011. The current bi-weekly construction meetings may be moved to weekly meetings to help keep this project on track. The quality of this project ranges from mediocre to extremely good. Bill O'Sullivan is creating a short-term schedule to keep the project on track. Even with the current delays, we are confident that the building will be completed on time. Everyone is working toward that goal and no contingency plan is needed at this point.

Andy continued with information on the District wireless proposal. Per Dr. Lucas' request, the Business Office along with Terri Shaw have been working on a proposal to convert the entire District to wireless access. This project will replicate what was installed at Olentangy High School last summer.

Andy passed out the project timeline and preliminary budget for the committee's review. This information was provided in part by a pilot program currently underway at Cheshire Elementary School. The completion dates are proving to be realistic and the infrastructure has been easier to install than anticipated. The drop cost has been considerably lower at CES with a budgeted amount of \$12,000 and an actual cost of \$5,000.

We should see a decline in the network drop cost as this portion would be bid. Based on the CES project costs, hardware is running the same as budget.

Fanning/Howey will assist as they did at OHS with the bid process, documentation, engineering work, and code approvals which will include seven different fire departments.

Funds for this project could come from the remaining residual funds from previous bond monies. The scope of this project meets the stated purpose from past bonds. If the money is not spent from these bond funds, it will be subject to arbitrage. The BOE will determine funding.

There was discussion regarding how wireless access will be utilized and the cost-savings involved. Keith Pomeroy explained some of the benefits of wireless access. This enables students to bring their own wireless devices such as laptop computers, iPads and netbooks, which may reduce the need for the District to provide some of this equipment. The use of electronic textbooks may also provide additional savings for the District. Currently, AP Spanish textbooks are all online. The middle school buildings currently offer online learning classes with enrollment in these programs increasing every six weeks. Project 2020 goals include more online learning capabilities which wireless access will provide. Linda Martin added that the OASIS program, which helps fulfill graduation requirements for at-risk students, is entirely online and the District has seen a dramatic increase in enrollment since the program started at the beginning of this school year.

Keith addressed questions regarding cost-savings to the District. The long-term savings from not purchasing new equipment is currently unknown; however, we have the ability to detect and track new device use. Since wireless access in school buildings is relatively new, no formula currently exists to determine savings. After the completion of the OHS wireless upgrade last summer, Dr. Lucas has asked us to proceed with wireless installation in every building. Calls to the Technology Department's Help Line have not increased since the OHS wireless upgrade.

Ralph discussed the Development Committee's role in approving this project. Mike Vasbinder stated it should be a two-step process by first making a recommendation to hire Fanning/Howey to perform services and then approving the budget after the project bid process has been completed.

Mike Vasbinder moved and Deb Weaver seconded the motion to recommend Fanning/Howey provide services as stated in their proposal. Motion carried with one vote in opposition.

Andy gave an update on enrollment numbers, HB 264 project status and MS/HS utilization.

The current enrollment count for the entire District as of December 2, 2010 is 15,925 students. This is 179 students over the end of year projection numbers.

Looking forward to 2020, Andy shared that when you move existing students through each grade level, the current kindergarten class will be sophomores in 2020. If you grade advance only and do not include any new students moving into the District, the enrollment at each high school is as follows: LHS is 1009, OHS is 1736 and OOHS is at 1953. When

you apply a 0.5% growth factor, the enrollment jumps to 2432 at LHS, 2122 at OHS and 2384 at OOHS. We have typically seen one to two percent growth in the past.

Regarding the HB264 Project, the report for OSFC has been completed and will be delivered to their office for review during an upcoming meeting. Ralph added that this project began last April and received final approval from the BOE during their December 8 meeting with a four to one vote.

The MS/HS utilization project is moving forward. Typically, the yearly DeJong enrollment projection report is used to determine building need. This information was used to create a model to determine stretch capacity for the elementary buildings. Since the students in the middle and high schools move from class to class, the elementary model cannot be used to determine maximum capacity at this level. The goal of the MS/HS utilization project will be to determine how to increase capacity and create a model for future growth.

Teri Meider reported the next steps in the process would be to determine current usage and compare this to design capacity. We have been able to verify the middle school capacity of 36 classrooms, designed to seat 25 students each for a total building capacity of 900 students. The stretch capacity of these buildings would include 40 classrooms with 25 seats each for a total of 1,000 students. The exception is Shanahan Middle School, which is a larger building with a room count of 44 and a student capacity of 1,100. Stretch capacity at SMS would be 48 rooms with a total student capacity of 1,200. We are in the process of verifying each high school building.

The next step will be to look at student/teacher ratios and actual class size. Once this is completed, the information will be reviewed by the Long Range Planning subcommittee before going to the full Development Committee.

Andy continued his update with information on new developments and capital improvement information.

There is a proposed TIF and abatement for the Menards store which is to be located off Rt. 23 across from NorthPointe Plaza.

The proposed development at Rt. 36/37 and Interstate 71 has two site possibilities with one being to the north of Rt. 36/37 and the other to the south. The State of Ohio has agreed to spend five million dollars to study both sites. On the south side, there is a small part of the District to the west of Interstate 71. OLSD does not have any property to the north of Rt. 36/37. The proposal includes both residential and commercial development with a large mega retailer as an anchor store. This project has been in discussion over the past four years.

Terri Shaw and Scott Shively are working on a capital improvement schedule with the primary work this summer to be asphalt repair and painting. Upgrades that fall under the HB264 Project will also begin this summer.

No future agenda items were discussed.

With the BOE proposed meeting schedule to remain the same for 2011, the Development Committee will continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office conference rooms A/B.

Ralph asked for a motion to adjourn. **John Schutte moved and Gurgun Muharrem seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Kerr